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**HSMS v2.4
IS HERE!**

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HSMS Software Upgrade

The software upgrade to HSMS v2.4 will be completed and to commence 15 January 2002 and be completed by mid-March 2002. The Customer Assistance Office (CAO) will be contacting ADBMs to coordinate a week prior to the actual start of the upgrade.

The upgrade from HSMS 2.3 SP1 to HSMS 2.4 does not require the extensive database conversion that occurred during the upgrade to HSMS 2.3 SP1. However, for those installations not currently running HSMS 2.3 SP1 there will be two conversions required, one to bring your database up to HSMS 2.3 SP1 and then the upgrade from HSMS 2.3 SP1 to HSMS 2.4. Dual conversions will occur concurrently with minimal interruption to operations. The CAO will be coordinating this effort with all sites. Your cooperation and assistance during this upgrade period is greatly appreciated.

In order to focus Army efforts on the release of HSMS v2.4, it is necessary to limit technical support for users of HSMS v2.2. Accordingly, as of 01 January 2002, support for HSMS v2.2 will be limited to database conversion issues or other specifically pre-approved issues only. As of 01 April 2002, technical support for HSMS v2.2 will cease entirely unless specifically pre-approved. Installations that have not yet converted their HSMS v2.2 databases may request an extension. Requests for extension must include a reason for the request, and the date when they will no longer be using HSMS v2.2. Installations that requested a “scratch” or blank HSMS v2.3 database during conversion may not request an extension. The point of contact for this action is Mr. David Zuckerman, at phone number (410) 436-7072, or at e-mail david.zuckerman@aec.apgea.army.mil.

Interfaces

HSMS 2.4 brings with it exciting new interfaces, such as a HSMS-HMIS interface and an interface with the Defense Reutilization and Marketing System (DRMS) applications for DD1348, waste manifest, and delivery order processing. The Logistics Interface Utility (LIU) is discussed in more detail later in this newsletter.

These interfaces will be included in all future HSMS training courses. In addition, the CAO will provide configuration and operational support once 2.4 is fielded.

Crystal Reports

HSMS V2.4 UPDATE

HSMS Development

HSMS version 2.4 was fully accepted by Ft. Rucker on 7 December 2001 at the Lead Site Verification Test (LVST). With the acceptance of Ft. Rucker, the Army now has fully accepted v2.4.

Ten additional ECPs were generated at the LVST. Seven of the ten are very minor. The remaining three are functional improvements to the software requested by Ft. Rucker to aid in managing HM/HW based on their business practices. Likely these functional improvements will be beneficial to the Army community as a whole. The ECPs will be reviewed by the Army's Configuration Management Board (CMB) when it is next convened to determine if the Army community wishes to request that these changes be made to a future release of the HSMS software. Any ECPs that are approved by the Army then will be reviewed by the joint services Configuration Control Board (CCB) for all service concurrence.

The Crystal Reports repository (that consists of the 27 most commonly used Crystal Reports) is currently in HSMS v2.3 format. Once HSMS v2.4 is fielded, these 27 Crystal Reports will be updated. A data diagram developed for HSMS v2.4 is currently in its draft comment stage and will be submitted to installations prior to HSMS v2.4 fielding.

Contributed by Jennifer Dieudonné Mehalik and Jerry Hartley, Dynamac Corporation, and Diane Stephens, PO HSMS

FEW SEATS LEFT...START THE YEAR OFF RIGHT WITH GREAT CRYSTAL REPORTS!

The US Army Environmental Center is offering a new HSMS training class this February. In response to HSMS community requests for more detailed Crystal Reports training, the HSMS Training Committee has coordinated for the first HSMS-specific Crystal Reports training course. Crystal Training is a 4-day course taught in two modules. The first two days of the training (module 1) will be geared to attendees who have a very limited or no knowledge on how to use Crystal Reports. The second two days (module 2) will be taught at a more advanced level.

The HSMS training committee is excited about the HSMS-specific nature of this course. Although Crystal Reports software training courses are offered to the public by Seagate software already, none of these courses focus on one specific database, such as HSMS. This course will help the HSMS user sharpen their knowledge and understanding of the HSMS database while learning to extract relevant data for inclusion in meaningful site-specific Crystal Reports.

Don't miss this opportunity! There are a few seats left for the February 5-8 class being held at the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland. Class will begin on February 5th promptly at 0800hours, and will conclude no later than 1630 hours on February 8th. Please plan to attend the full schedule with departure on Friday evening or Saturday morning. To register, please contact: Aaron Tomarchio, USAEC HSMS Functional Officer at (410) 436- 1231 or via email at aaron.tomarchio@aec.apgea.army.mil.

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US ARMY JAPAN – 17TH ASG MOVES TOWARDS FOC

The U.S. Army Japan (USARJ), 17th Area Support Group (ASG), Honshu Island headquartered at Camp Zama, Japan currently is actively working toward reaching Full Operational Capability (FOC). The HSMS effort on Honshu Island is managed and directed by the 35th Supply and Support Battalion (35th S&S BN) headquartered at Sagami General Depot. A state-of-the-art Hazmart facility managed and staffed by 35th S&S BN personnel is located at Sagami General Depot. The Hazmart serves a customer base of eight geographically disconnected organizational units located across Honshu Island. These eight organizational units comprise the U.S. Army's presence on Honshu Island and all are under the parent command of the 17th ASG. The organizations served by HSMS are Camp Zama, Sagami General Depot, Akizuki Ammunition Depot, Kawakami Ammunition Depot, Hiro Ammunition Depot, Sagami Family Housing Area, Kure Pier 6, and Yokohama North Dock. In addition, due to the unique role played by the U.S. Army and the 35th S&S BN in Japan, the Army HSMS program oftentimes serves some of the HM/HW needs of Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force forces stationed on Honshu Island.

Beginning in October/November 2001 the HSMS team at the 17th ASG drafted a plan of action for reaching FOC outlining goals that reflect current business practices, current HM/HW operations, and experience with the HSMS program. Two main objectives of the FOC plan are to capture and track in HSMS the HM stocks associated with War Reserve items and to bring the HSMS HW module online. The War Reserve items are housed on Honshu Island and managed by the 35th S&S BN. These items are not used by personnel at the 17th ASG but are stored at 17th ASG facilities until they are required by the U.S. military for forward deployment of troops engaged in combat.

A great deal of effort and expertise is being expended by the HSMS team at the 17th ASG. The DPW Environmental Office staff is working closely with the 35th S&S BN Hazmart staff to ensure a successful, well-conceived, and robust HSMS program worthy of becoming a model for the U.S. Army. The current operation is on target to reach FOC in 2002.

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DID YOU KNOW? HELP WITH YOUR ISR!

Did you know, you can use information from your HSMS reports to help answer several questions on your Installation

Status Report (ISR) Environment submission? In working with the ISR team member here at AEC, we have identified a few questions on the ISR environment submission that your HSMS program can help you answer. Use your HSMS reports to answer these questions that can be found in the ISR Environment Standards 2002 Standards and Instructions Package...

Page 122, (Hazardous Materials Management: Qualitative Standard) Program Performance questions #3 and #4.

Page 125, (Hazardous Materials Management: Quantitative Standard) question #3.

Page 129, (Toxic Release/Waster Reduction: Qualitative Standard) Compliance question #4.

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LOGISTICS INTERFACE UTILITY (LIU)

The Logistics Interface Utility (LIU) is projected for Army-wide dissemination in the not so distant future. At the present time, it is only being used at Fort Hood since they were the test bed. There are still some interface issues with the output from the Standard Army Retail Supply System (SARSS) being worked. Once those are resolved, the LIU will be available to all Army HSMS users. A number of enhancements have been identified from the extensive use of the LIU at Fort Hood. Principally, these changes are associated with the way in which SARSS handles document number assignments. Enhanced functionality includes the following:

Issues: The issue transaction document numbers downloaded from SARSS are those generated by the user through the Unit Level Logistics System (ULLS) or the Standard Army Maintenance System (SAMS). The receipt document numbers are typically those generated by SARSS; therefore, a match will not be made when processing the issues in HSMS. The LIU will be enhanced so that when an issue document number does not have a matching document number in the inventory, the complete inventory list will be displayed. The detail screen will list all documents in the inventory with the same NSN and a "Quantity Available" to issue from. The LIU user will then be able to select an inventory record with a quantity to issue.

Inventory Decreases and Increases: When processing material inventory decreases and increases, unique document numbers are generated by SARSS. These will not match the inventory document numbers in the HSMS database. The

LIU will be enhanced so that when a material adjustment transaction is presented to the LIU for processing, the complete inventory list will be displayed. The detail screen will list all documents in the inventory with the same NSN and a "Quantity Available" to issue from. The LIU user will then be able to select an inventory record to adjust.

Anticipated Receipts: When an anticipated receipt is created, the price field is a mandatory entry that is not selectable or filled from the NSN record. The LIU will be enhanced so that the price field in the anticipated receipt is automatically filled with the NSN record unit of issue price when available.

Turn-Ins: The turn-in transaction document numbers downloaded from SARSS will not typically match document numbers in the HSMS database. The LIU will be enhanced to permit the entire inventory list to be displayed in these instances. The LIU user will then be able to select an inventory record with a quantity that can be adjusted based on the turn-in document number presented.

Functionality that currently exists within HSMS such as the capability to display the "Select Record" window with filter on the F2 key and "Search" with the F3 key will be added to the LIU.

As additional information becomes available regarding the full release of the LIU, it will be included in subsequent issues of the HSMS Newsletter or through electronic mail using the newsletter distribution list.

Contributed by Jim Head, Dynamac Corporation

NEW ADBMS?

Due to a variety of circumstances, installations may experience personnel turnover/change. If your installation experiences a change in ADBM personnel, PLEASE contact the CAO ASAP at (888) 800-7242 or hsms@saic.com with the contact information for the new ADBM.

NEW INSTALLATION POCs?

As installations experience personnel turnover, the installation HSMS POC may change. If your installation experiences a change in the HSMS POC, PLEASE contact Mr. David Zuckerman at (410) 436-7072 or david.zuckerman@aec.apgea.army.mil with the new contact information.

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USAREUR CAO UP AND RUNNING

A recent email from the USAREUR CAO staff indicates that HSMS support has commenced for the US Army Europe:

From: Jerry Hartley, USAREUR CAO
To: USAREUR HSMS Community
Subject: USAREUR CAO Startup

USAREUR HSMS Community:

We are happy to report that the USAREUR CAO is ramping up to full operations. The office is currently ready to begin accepting problem reports, assistance requests, informational calls and other HSMS or Hazmart/Reuse Center issues from the USAREUR sites operating HSMS. Full operations will be achieved within a short time as more expansive functions are conducted. Full operations will include site assistance visits (2 per ASG), training courses (2 centrally managed course per year), and other informational devices designed to keep the USAREUR community on top with the HSMS program and software.

Contact information for the CAO is:

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A work order is in progress for establishing a second telephone line. A mailing address may also be available. This additional contact information will be distributed when available.

Thanks,
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HSMS TRAINING DATES



The Army Environmental Center has announced updated dates for HSMS sustainment for Fiscal Year 02. The courses and the proposed dates are as follows:

Application Database Manager (ADBM):

2 – 12 April 02 APG, MD
30 July – 9 August 02 APG, MD

Functional User Training – Sustainment:

30 April – 3 May 02 APG, MD

Crystal Reports:

5 – 8 February 02 APG, MD
14 – 17 May 02 APG, MD

Application Database Manager (ADBM) Training. ADBMs have first priority for available course slots.

Army GS employees, followed by installation on-site HSMS contractor, Corps of Engineer HSMS implementation contractors and others are welcome to attend on a space available basis. The course is open to all personnel with Army HSMS associated individuals having priority. The AEC funds the course instruction. Attendees must be funded by the respective site or organization for travel and per diem.

This course has been revised to incorporate 4-days of functional user training (designed to ensure that the assigned ADBM has functional knowledge of how HSMS operates). The remainder of the 9-day course will focus on those skills the ADBM must have to support HSMS operations at the installation. It is not required that the ADBM attend the first 4-days of instruction if they have the functional knowledge to operate HSMS.

Functional User Training – Sustainment (FUT-S). FUT-S is hands-on user training available to installations that have implemented HSMS. FUT-S is designed as non-installation specific hands-on user training which is geared toward new users or users looking for refresher training on the functionality of the HSMS software. FUT-S instruction includes all HSMS software modules. FUT-S provides installations with a mechanism to help train personnel who are new to the program due to personnel rotation and support for advanced learning initiatives.

This course will expand on the hazardous waste module used by HSMS as well as other functional areas. Please note, the 9 day ADBM course incorporates the 4 day FUT-S instruction. Some space for FUT-S students may be available.

NOTE: If your installation has HSMS Users that did not or were not able to attend v2.3 transition training then AEC highly recommends the FUT-S. The AEC funds the course instruction. Installations or the sending organization must fund the attendee travel and per diem for course attendance.

Crystal Reports training is a new course that has been added to the curriculum. It is a 4-day course taught in two modules. The first two days of the training will be geared to attendees who have limited or no knowledge on how to use Crystal Reports. The second two days will be taught at a more advanced level.

Course instruction will be geared toward the student's level of knowledge.

First priority will be given to ADBMs currently supporting Army installations operating HSMS. All others will be accepted on a case-by-case basis. Funding for the travel and per diem costs to attend this training are the responsibility of the installation.

For more information on ADBM, FUT-S Training or Crystal Reports training, please contact: Aaron Tomarchio at (410) 436-1231 via email at aaron.tomarchio@aec.apgea.army.mil.

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PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep the U.S. Army community abreast of ongoing activities associated with the implementation of HSMS and to distribute summary articles that provide useful items of interest to all concerned members. It is recognized that this publication now transcends the Army community and embraces other military services and Federal agencies. This Newsletter is not limited to items of interest focused on the HSMS software but encompasses the entire spectrum of hazardous materials and waste management business practices as they pertain to the HSMS Program.

Everyone is invited to submit articles, problem descriptions, comments, or other pertinent information of interest to fellow members. If possible, keep article size to one-half to three-quarters of a page. Mail (e-mail) your items for publication, and we will add them to the newsletter version that follows their receipt.

Send all input to: HSMSNews@dynamac.com

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NEW AEC HSMS PROJECT OFFICER JOINS TEAM

WELCOME to Aaron Tomarchio, a Booz /Allen/Hamilton Consultant. Aaron joined the HSMS Team on January 2, 2002 and will be managing a number of important projects including our outreach efforts with the newsletter and Web site, as well as HSMS Training (previously handled by Bill Tagalicod). Aaron brings to the team extensive experience in Public Relations and technical education programs and we are looking forward to his contributions to the HSMS Program. Aaron can be contacted at 410-436-1231 or via E-mail at Aaron.Tomarchio@aec.apgea.army.mil.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 2002	
15 January	HSMS version 2.4 Software Upgrade Begins

20-25 January	Functional Assistance USAREUR Site Visit
FEBRUARY 2002	
5-8 February	Crystal Reports Training at Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD
12 February	Tentative Training Committee Meeting at Fort Belvoir, VA (1100)
4-15 February	USAREUR Kick-Off Meetings for 26 th and 80 th ASGs and On-Site Support for 98 th , 6 th , and 100 th ASGs

On line???

Check out our web site at:

http://aec.army.mil/prod/useaec/et/p2/hsms_01.htm

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